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Mr. Fred L. Riding Chevron Resources Company Manila Star Route Vernal, Utah 84078

> RE: Vernal Operations ACT/047/007 Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Riding:

I apologize for the delay in addressing the Division's concerns relative to Chevron's phosphate operation near Vernal which have been discussed in past meetings, most recently with Mr. Dave Heneage and Mr. Clayr Alexander of Chevron Resources on June 22, 1982.

As you will recall the following Division concerns were discussed:

- 1. Chevron Resources should establish a surface water monitoring program along Brush Creek, with a minimum number of sampling points to be located both above and below the mining operation.
- 2. Buffer zones along the perimeter of Big Brush Gorge should be established.
- 3. The culvert area of Brush Creek under the road fill should be rip-rapped.
- 4. Chevron Resources should stabilize the road fill slopes adjacent to Brush Creek with revegetation efforts this fall season.
- 5. Soil analyses should be provided to the Division to adequately demonstrate the physical and chemical characteristics of all material to be used for reclamation purposes, as well as a plan for salvaging, stockpiling, protection, and redistribution of soil material.
- 6. Chevron Resources should update the current mining and reclamation plan to include the sagmill operation and to reflect the changes in mining techniques and subsequent expansion.

Although I have been negligent in putting our concerns in writing, your attention to these matters as soon as possible would be greatly appreciated so that we may finally resolve the situation and issue approval for Chevron's expansion.

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A site visit sometime next month would probably be very helpful. Please let me know when would be a convenient time for you.

Again, I apologize for the delay. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

JAMES W. SMITH, JR.

COORDINATOR OF MINED LAND

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